Compensation to Riot Victims

1604. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there had been several cases of communal riots throughout the country during the period from 1st July, 1986 to October, 1986 which resulted in loss of life and damage to property;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details thereof and compensation given to the families of victims of the riots and owner of the property etc.; and

(c) action taken by Government to dispose of the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the statement enclosed herewith (*See* below)

(c) The Central Government has constantly been in touch with the various State Governments urging them to set up Special Courts or to earmark courts for disposal of various cases arising out of communal riots.

Statement

Place and date	No. of persons killed	Loss of property (Rs. in lakhs)	Compensation to the victims of communal riots
GUJARAT			
Ahmedabad, July 9—17	49	63.16	Cash compensation of Rs. 4.85 lakhs given to the riot victims. Besides the Govt. of Gujarat had set up six relief camps for the riot affected persons.
Nadiad August 9—16 . . .	7	1.01	Not available
Baroda, Sept. 17—20	5	3·79	Do.
KARNATAKA			
Ramanagaram, July 22—25 . . .	5		Do.

News Item Captioned "Khalistan Radio"

1605. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item under the caption 'This is Khalistan Radio' which appeared in the 'Sunday Observer' Bombay of 12th October, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The source of jamming of the Police communications net-work has been located. Steps have been taken to remedy the situation. It is not in the public interest to disclose further details.